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Local News

BUILDING FIGURES LARGE

Heavy Operations Beyond the Old City Lines

That portion of the city of Washington lying beyond the old lines is several hundred thousand dollars ahead of the city proper in the matter of building operations, according to the November report of the inspector of buildings. His figures show \$496,075 as the value of the building operations in the county, \$54,150 for the northeast section of the city, \$24,000 for the southeast, \$3,500 for the southwest and \$86,700 for the northwest. The northwest section leads in repairs, with \$117,704; the "county" section has \$44,701; northeast has \$16,058; southeast has \$4,855 and southwest has \$1,387.—Star.

CONSCIENCE FUND SWELLS

Some one in Washington, entirely unknown and not to be sought, has contributed \$60 to the conscience fund of the Treasury. It was received late Monday afternoon. The money, in bills, was inclosed in an envelop postmarked Washington, without accompanying note or letter. The same day a \$100 gold certificate was received from Philadelphia, accompanied by a note saying that it was to pay customs duty belonging to the United States.

COLLIER OUT ON BAIL

Policeman Convicted of Manslaughter Furnishes Bond

John W. Collier, the former policeman recently found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Police Captain Wm. H. Matthews, was yesterday liberated in \$10,000 bail on the sureties of W. W. Stewart and Samuel H. Walker. Justice Gould in declining to make the bail higher said he would hear further from the district attorney in the event that a motion for a new trial is granted. Collier's attorneys have not filed notice that they intend to seek a new trial, but it is expected that they will do so in the very near future.

OLD SHACKS CONDEMNED

Hundred in Southeast Section May Be Torn Down.

The board for the condemnation of insanitary buildings has its eyes on one hundred shacks in Garfield and Hillsdale, which are said to be so far gone and so unfit for habitation that only complete demolition will satisfy the standards of sanitary living. The

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shacks are occupied almost entirely by colored families.

Roy E. Haynes, secretary to the board, is sure that there will be no difficulty in carrying out the orders of the board. The owners of the buildings realize that to carry out the regulations and repair the dwellings would cost more than it would to tear them down and build new houses.

Consul General Denby Here

Charles Denby, formerly chief clerk of the State Department, and more recently consul general at Shanghai, China, is spending a few days in Washington before proceeding to Vienna to assume the duties of consul general at that post.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE BUSY

Red Cross Stamps, Used as Postage, Carry Letters Astray

Thousands of letters bearing Red Cross stamps are being sent to the dead letter office or held at postoffices for postage. Notwithstanding the plain instructions issued in connection with the sale of Red Cross stamps, thousands of letters are being mailed bearing these stamps in lieu of regular postage.

It is desired by the Post Office Department officials that it shall be understood that the Red Cross stamps are not postage stamps, and that letters or other mailable matter bearing these stamps alone must be treated as unpaid matter. The addressee is notified to remit postage, and if it is not received the letter of other matter is sent to the dead letter office.

Matter bearing Red Cross stamps is not admitted to the mails of Great Britain, even though the regular postage is attached, and is admitted to the German mails only when the Red Cross stamps are attached to the back of the letter or parcel.

Mr. A. D. Hayworth's article in this week's issue on Whiskey, found on page 4, is worth reading. Don't fail to read it.

Wanted—Bright young ladies to represent The Weekly News. Good wages guaranteed. 23d St., Randle Highlands, D. C.

Kermit Roosevelt's Doings

Naribi, British East Africa, Dec. 8.—Kermit Roosevelt arrived here today. He is going to Mombasa on a hunt for sable and other antelope. He has just secured two bongo. Col. Roosevelt has not arrived here from Joro, but is expected soon.

Women Wage War on Big Hats

Church women of Columbia, S. C., have begun a war against the wearing of big hats in church. Resolutions denouncing the peach basket and other large designs are being passed in all the churches.

The Educational Review has received a composition written by a boy in a Springfield (Mass.) school after visiting the recent tuberculosis exhibit in New York, from which we extract the following information: "Tuberculosis was started in 1884 by Dr. Trudeau, who had it in the Adirondacks. Although consumption is not hereditary and does not belong to this climate, it is getting very popular. The sleeping bags are very useful to the consumptive people because they can put their heads alone into them or leave their heads out and put the rest of the bodies into them. I saw the germs. It is a big white ball with blue spots on it. I think it would be fine to sleep in one of those beds with the head inside and the lungs outside."



The World's News

ARTIFICIAL TEARS EN- ABLES OLD MAN TO SEE

Stuttgart, Dec. 4.—A noted oculist reports the following in a German scientific paper of repute: "A sixty-year-old peasant consulted me the other day—making the following strange statement: 'My eyes have always been weak, but I have found of late that I am able to read small print if there are tears in my eyes. Such I formerly produced at will, but now I seem unable to do so when wanted. For this reason I want to get glasses.'"

The oculist says he investigated the case thoroughly, and is satisfied that the man could not read even large print with dry eyes. After producing a tear in each eye he read aloud for four minutes from a paper with exceedingly small print. As soon as the tears had dropped out of his eyes, he had to stop reading.

The oculist says the tears acted like a strong lense and, in fact, as a concave glass of twelve degrees. The patient now wears spectacles of that strength for reading. At one time he was able to produce tears in his eyes with an average staying power of ten minutes.

Whole Village Riots Over Just One Doll

Pittsburg, Pa.—A doll and the argument of two little girls for its possession caused a riot at Meadow Lands, near this city. The fighting was furious until a squad of State police restored order by using their batons vigorously. Twelve of the one hundred combatants were arrested.

The children, after quarreling with words, fastened their fingers in each other's locks, pulled with all their might and screamed with anger and pain. The men and women of their families rushed from their homes and in an instant the real trouble started. Neighbors became involved. Bricks were thrown and clubs were used. Several persons were knocked unconscious.

Walked Around U. S. Border

Starl Cronley, a Toledo youth, who started October 25, 1907, to walk around the border of the United States has arrived home. He says he walked 12,820 miles and shows the signatures of more than 1,200 postmasters upon his traveling register.

MR. I. WELLER FOR COMMISSIONER

"The Cry of East Washington" Says a Correspondent to The Weekly News

No man in East Washington has been so generally endorsed by the Citizens Associations, and so highly regarded as the man for the place by the general public as M. I. Weller, president of the East Washington Savings Bank.

South-east, East Washington, Lincoln Park, Fairmont, and Benning Associations have unanimously endorsed Mr. Weller for Commissioner. In this it is not the case of a man seeking office, but the office seeking the man.

Mr. Weller is a man who fills every qualification for that high office, and one who has shown aggressiveness and strength of purpose in work, which is so much needed in a leader. In other words, he has brought things to pass.

The reconstruction of the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge was largely due to his untiring efforts. The reclamation of the Anacostia flats has been his hobby for many a year. In nearly every speech delivered he has spoken of the removal of the mud hole, thus relieving the Eastern section of its eye-sore and unwelcome blot; and, being placed as chairman by the Board of Trade on Rivers and Harbors, his influence has been felt and his wisdom heeded in the much needed improvement.

Mr. M. I. Weller has also had the honor of serving five consecutive times as chairman of the public comfort committee at the inaugural ceremonies.

I am glad to see the citizens of East Washington so united in expressing themselves as favoring Mr. Weller for District Commissioner.

I trust that the President will use that good judgment which has characterized him on so many important occasions, and which his message to Congress has been so full of: "True Americanism."

East Washington, with about one-half of the city area, and about one-third of its population with no representation in the city government is not American, and is not the principle applied in the choice of representatives and senators. And for the best welfare of the city and District, there must of necessity be a representative of the people, by the people, and for the people.

A COMPOSER WHO HATES THE PIANO

Paris, Dec. 4.—While the piano is generally regarded as the composer's best friend as a necessity to him, the late French critic, Ernest Reyer, composer of Sigurd and other operas, hated the piano and constantly fought against its use in private, in newspapers and periodicals. He proudly called him a "pianophobist."

The generality of composers have always been good pianists. Beethoven, Schumann, Weber, Wagner, etc., were, indeed, very fine pianists. Rossini, who wrote more than a hundred pieces for the piano, was unable to play either of them. Though he tried hard, he remained a miserable piano player all his life.

"My greatest ambition is to play the piano, as well as the worst pupil Liszt ever had," he used to say. He often signed his letters "Rossini, pianist of the fourth rank," and he was glad it wasn't the fifth rank.

A NEW GAMBLING CITY IN SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 4.—The government has sold a concession for a Casino like that of Monte Carlo to French capitalists. The gambling hell will be established in San Sebastian, the famous Spanish resort.

All the games allowed in Monte Carlo will also be played in the Spanish establishment. Its opening is planned for the winter season of 1911.

The backers reckon the fact that San Sebastian is easier to reach from America and England than Monte Carlo, while its situation is fully as beautiful. A number of new hotels are being erected and real estate is booming. There will be twenty gambling parlors and a corps of international detectives will be employed to keep out undesirable persons. Only the rich are to have free entry at all times.

Outside the license fee, the Spanish government receives percentages of the gross receipts.

Know "In God We Trust" on Australian Gold Pieces

Vienna, Dec. 4.—The new hundred-franc gold piece (\$20.00) has on it a motto appealing to the Almighty. The inscriptions are in Latin. On one side is a new portrait of Emperor Francis Joseph; on the other the two-headed eagle.

A little ad in The Weekly News will bring big results.

THE HEAD ON OUR CENT

Ask the next person you meet what is the head on a United States one-cent piece, and see what answer you get. How many even of those who read this know? Probably the majority will be surprised at the information given in the following friendly letter from a Vermont reader:

"We are glad that the statements in your paper, and our paper as well, are trustworthy. Even a little slip from accuracy therefore becomes notable. Wasn't there such a little slip on page 497, September 1, 1906, number? Mrs. Byrner calls attention to the image on the American cent, and calls it the head of an Indian. If we look again, shall we not see that all the Indian about it is the headdress, the face being that of a white child? I wish I could tell you in what number of the Christian Advocate—probably some time in June—there appeared a story purporting to be the true history of this effigy."

Now get out your pennies and hunt in vain for any Indian physiognomy there! The (New York) Christian Advocate of May 17, 1906, contained the article referred to, by F. A. Noble, and the substance of the facts is as follows:

"It is the head of a gracious American woman, who for many years was held in admiration both for her beauty and her goodness, and who only a few weeks ago passed on to her great reward."

"Her name was Keen—Sarah Longacre Keen. She lived in Philadelphia. For thirty-five years she was the secretary of the Philadelphia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

"When Sarah was a child of

five or six years of age a delegation of Indians from the Northwest visited Washington. They came to see the sights and pay their respects to the Big Chief of the nation. After having spent considerable time at the capital, the Indians were taken to Philadelphia. Here they were shown the mint. The little girl's father was a fine engraver, and he had official connection with this great money factory. He was a kindly, benevolent man as well, and he invited this delegation of red men to some sort of an entertainment at his home. One of the chiefs had his attention attracted to the little miss, and he was so pleased with her figure and maidenly bearing that in a mood of sportiveness he took off his headdress and put it on her head. She was not frightened; but lending herself to the enjoyment of the joke she stood for a moment and let the company look at her. Some one present, who had both an eye for beauty and artistic skill, was so struck by the appearance which little Sarah Longacre made in her Indian hat that he sketched her on the spot. The sketch was engraved by her father.

"Just then the penny in its present form was about to be issued, but the figure with which its face was to be ornamented had not been chosen. This engraved sketch went into competition for the honor. It was accepted in preference to all others, and the imprint of it was transferred to the neat little pennies which Uncle Sam for so many years has been sending out into the world."

"Don't go 'roun' complainin' 'bout de way yoh friends has treated you," said Uncle Eben. "When a man ain' got de right kind o' friends it's ginerly because he didn't deserve 'em."

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best.
Before the nursery fire, when we're undressed
And all the toys are put away, except
Perhaps my engine and the baby's bear,
Then Mother comes away from all the rest
Downstairs to tell our Christmas story there.

She takes the baby on her lap and we
Sit 'round her on the hearth-rug so we see
The pictures in the fire, and then she tells
About how shepherds watched their flocks by night
And what the angel said, and how the three
Wise kings came riding—and the big star's light.

And then she tells us how it showed the way
To just a stable where the oxen stay.
And there they found Him in his Mother's arms,
A little baby Christ-Child—and He smiled;
And that (she says) is what made Christmas day
For you and me and every little child.

Before the nursery fire when we're undressed
Sometimes I think that Christmas night's the best.
—Everybody's.

SLUMBER SONG OF THE MADONNA

Sleep, little baby, I love thee
Sleep, little king, I am bending above thee!
How should I know what to sing
Here in my arms as I swing thee to sleep?
Hushaby low,
Rockaby so,
Kings may have wonderful jewels to bring,
Mother has only a kiss for her king!
Why should my singing so make me weep?
Only I know that I love thee, I love thee,
Love thee, my little one; sleep.
—Alfred Noyes.

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